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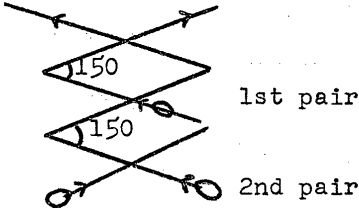
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1. A northward-bound submarine passed [redacted] in an area around N 55-19, E 20-05 [redacted] The submarine carried low masthead light and sidelights on the same level athwartships. No other details observed. 50X1-HUM
2. Four escort vessels of the RIGA-class, [redacted] arrived at the above-mentioned area [redacted] and held an anti-submarine maneuver in a field measuring approximately 12 x 12 nautical miles, [redacted] The maneuver was still taking place [redacted] at 1430 hours. 50X1-HUM
3. A submarine surfaced [redacted] remained in the area for a while, and then left the area northward-bound. [redacted] description of the submarine is very insufficient: Small submarine, no guns on the deck, small conning-tower [redacted] 50X1-HUM
4. [redacted] the activity of the four RIGA-class escort vessels as follows: Apparently they searched an area measuring 12 x 12 nautical miles according to the following pattern, from south to north: 50X1-HUM



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The escort vessels always met in the middle of the field as two pairs of escort vessels started at the same time from each southern corner. [ ] not able to determine the interval between the starts. [ ] did not observe any dropping of depth charges. Nor [ ] observe any signals, star shells, colored spots on the water, or anything similar. There were many people on deck at all times; all the guns were manned, and the A and B turrets revolved. A<sub>2</sub> boat on the port side was swung out in all four escort vessels.

5. Concurrently with the above-mentioned anti-submarine maneuver, a similar maneuver took place in an area about 12 nautical miles northeast of Bryusterort. A depot vessel [ ]

[ ] of the "Brandwache" type, was anchored there. Four units resembling destroyers (two of them with one smokestack and the two others with two smokestacks) held similar maneuvers as the four RIGA-class escort vessels. [ ]

[ ] the four southern units did not have the same modern appearance (raking stem, strong sheer) as the four northern units. [ ] no [ ] submarine in the southern group.

6. [ ] observed [ ] air activity:

a. Two jet planes (two-engined) on northward course [ ] maneuver. Apparently [ ] had nothing to do with the maneuver.

b. [ ] in a position of N 55-27, E 20-00 [ ] two jet planes (two-engined) on southward course.

c. One jet plane (two-engined) on southwestward course was observed in the same area [ ]

[ ] Comments:

2. There is hardly any doubt that this was a submarine maneuver, but [ ] whether it was an anti-submarine patrol such as a "double line crossover patrol" - or an actual search after a submarine observed there. [ ] impression that the vessels met in the middle of the field is hardly correct. It must be assumed that they did not come nearer each other than 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 times effective sonar distance.

[ ] Comment:

3. The coordinates for Bryusterort are N54-58, E19-59.

4. [ ] It is possible that the sketch was not drawn to scale.

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